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Marginal Column

By ZE'EV LAQUEUR

SOME 224 members of the Soviet diplomatic service who received medals from Marshal Voroshilov at the celebration this year of the October Revolution were told that they must show both "artistry and Bolshevik tenacity" in carrying out the coexistence policy. The Middle East is one of these regions where the application of both artistry and Bolshevik tenacity promises to yield handsome dividends. Efforts have been made to strengthen the ties between the Soviet Union and all Middle East countries — with the exception of Jordan and Iraq with which it has no diplomatic relations. Soviet delegations went to the Istanbul conference of the international civil aviation association, Soviet pilgrims went to Mecca, Medina and Cairo; U.S.S.R. trade organizations exhibited at the Izmir and Damascus fairs, "Dynamo" Tiflis played basketball in Egypt, "Torpedo" Moscow played soccer in Syria and the Lebanon, Soviet heavy athletes lifted weights in Egypt, and the "Democratic Women" toured Israel. Delegations from all Middle East countries, including even the Yemen and Saudia, came to visit the agricultural exhibition in Moscow.

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OF the Middle East countries, Syria and the Lebanon now offer the best opportunities. In the Lebanon, everything is topsy turvy as usual, and Syria engages in one of the periodic attempts at parliamentary democracy, which means that everyone may do as he pleases, for no strong central authority exists. Naturally, Soviet interest is mainly focused on these two countries. The only Pravda correspondent in the Middle East is now stationed in Damascus. A delegation of Syrian scientists left for a prolonged tour of the Soviet Union the other day, and the Orthodox Church delegation was in Moscow in September. Alexander Tahan, the Antioch Patriarch, has always been oriented to the East, but this time he went accompanied by the Bishops of Beirut, Tripoli and Zahle, which gave his visit a more representative character.

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IN Egypt, these efforts have been less successful, for a variety of reasons which cannot be given in detail here, and in Israel a hitch occurred following the demand for equal terms and reciprocity. Recently, new overtures have been made to Turkey: Marshal Bulganin is reported to have told the envoys of Turkey and Persia in the Soviet capital that Soviet policy in relation to these countries has changed. Last week, Pravda attacked Time Magazine for having offended Turkish national feelings by characterising the late Kemal Ataturk as an ill-tempered and gloomy man. "In the history of each people there are great leaders whose names are uttered only with respect, and the founder of the Turkish Republic was undoubtedly one of the most outstanding national heroes," the Soviet paper added. This makes interesting reading, especially when compared with what the Soviet press said about Ataturk until yesterday, but it is quite correct that it points to a modification in Soviet policy towards Turkey. Israel so far has not been made the object of similar sweeping concessions, but then she is a smaller country, and the cynics will argue that she has not been as closely tied to the West as, for instance, Turkey, to be of similar interest to Moscow. It has been noted that while Herman and Noel Field were completely exonerated by the Polish and Hungarian authorities and promised compensation, Orenstein was expelled without further ado.

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SOVIET leaders in the past have greatly exaggerated the importance of class interests in the non-Communist countries and the cleverness of their antagonists. Give the capitalists a few contracts and promise more, and many will eat out of your hand. Western diplomats and journalists, far from being imperialist sharks and the hunting dogs of monopoly capitalism, are very harmless people as a rule, and the interest of many of them in world politics is limited. Give them a smile — and not a few of them will be convinced that permanent peace is at hand. Whether the decline of the non-Communist world is bound to occur as the result of some inevitable economic crisis is a highly doubtful issue. To speculate on its folly and shortsightedness would appear to be a safer bet. And this goes a *fortiori* for some Middle East countries, lacking the correctives, such as political experience and sober judgment, which exist, after all, in the West.

Jerusalem, November 21.

Atomic Energy

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Uranium Produced in Local Pilot Plant from Phosphate

Industrial Production Next Stage

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Uranium has already been produced in Israel from phosphate ores on a pilot-plant scale which is the second stage in the three leading to full production, it is authoritatively learned here. The first of the three stages of scientific research is the preliminary laboratory work, to investigate the theoretical possibilities of a new invention or of a pilot plant at which it is endeavoured to transfer the theoretical work into practice. This is followed by production on a practical scale.

The successful conclusion of any stage in this chain is not necessarily followed by the immediate, or even eventual, beginning of work in the next stage: a new method may be theoretically feasible but impossible to implement even on a pilot-plant scale, while a successful pilot plant is not always followed by industrial production.

From the remarks of Dr. Ernst D. Bergmann, chairman of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, in his radio address last night, however, it appears that the industrial production of uranium from local phosphate ores may be started soon, after successful completion of the pilot-plant stage.

Whether this is "economic" in the purely financial sense of the term, is not yet known, as there is at present no "normal" price for uranium. This is a metal not on general sale in the world today and therefore has no "normal" price, though black market sales are handled in Europe.

Other countries in the world are known to be working on methods of obtaining uranium from phosphate and other ores. Because of the complete secrecy surrounding all nuclear physical research, it is not known whether the processes under investigation abroad are similar to those in Israel.

New Chemical Process

Work on Israel's new chemical process for the enrichment of heavy water, containing deuterium, the isotope of hydrogen, is not as far advanced as that on uranium. The heavy water process invented by Dr. Israel Dostrovsky is at present being tested on a pilot-plant scale, and all that apparently is known at present is that the new method is feasible.

The heavy water process is now being tested by French nuclear physicists, since heavy water is a fundamental part of atomic reactors.

No Israel-produced heavy water of the D_2O variety has been sold to any other country, though a type of "heavy water" with normal hydrogen and the O_{18} heavy isotope of oxygen have been sold to the Harwell research station in Britain and to other countries.

O_{18} is not used for atomic research, but is used as a "tracer element" in medical work.

Heavy water is being sold by Norway today at about $200,000 a ton.

The collaboration between Israel and French scientists follows a formal agreement between the atomic energy commissions of the two countries. Scientific theories and their practical applications are now being exchanged between the two commissions, while scientists of both countries are working in the other country.

Research in the field of cosmic rays — the emanations from the sun which strike the earth and which are believed to result from the hydrogen-helium fusion transformation cycle which is the basis for the production of the hydrogen bomb — is understood to be carried on in Israel in the main as an "educational" task. Few countries have sufficient funds to establish giant atomic piles or reactors, or the even more expensive cyclotrons for nuclear research, and the cosmic rays, therefore, offer a "cheap" means of investigation and training of nuclear physicists.

Special Method Used To Extract Metal

The cost of uranium extracted from low grade ore by the special Israel method is commensurate with the cost of that produced from rich ores by the usual methods, Professor Ernst D. Bergmann revealed in a broadcast over Kol Yisrael on Friday evening.

Professor Bergmann, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said that there was thus a good chance of Israel's producing uranium on an industrial scale.

The discovery of the Israel method, he continued, appears to be of more general importance. "The world possesses a finite quantity of rich uranium minerals and very large quantities of poor ores."

Cooperation with the French Atomic Energy Commission began about 18 months ago when an agreement was signed, establishing a close and fruitful cooperation, Prof. Bergmann said.

"Young Israel scientists have been working in French atomic energy establishments and French scientists in the Israel laboratories and plants."

'Basic Unity' Stressed By US and France

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). —Premier Pierre Mendes-France and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in a communique today, declared their joint agreement that the early ratification of the Paris accords "will strengthen the unity of the Western world."

The communique, issued after 12 hours of conversations during the past three days declared "once again the fundamental unity of outlook of the two countries."

It continued that M. Mendes-France had "reviewed hopefully the prospects for establishing increasingly fruitful relations between France and Germany as a basic contribution to the creation of a united and peaceful Europe."

In regard to Indo-China, it stated that France and the U.S. "reaffirmed" the understandings reached in the September 27-29 talks here. It added that agreement was reached on procedures and cooperation to carry out U.S.-French policies there to assist Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam "to maintain their freedom and independence."

On North Africa, it said, M. Mendes-France stressed the effect of "external influences," and Mr. Dulles agreed to "give serious consideration to the matter."

Informed sources stated that while M. Mendes-France received no formal commitments, neither had he found any of his programme rejected out-right.

As in Canada, for M. Mendes-France it was primarily another personal triumph. He is so much in demand for radio and television appearances that even the most formal State Department officials have been impressed by the impact of his personality on the United States people and the dynamic nature of the proposals he has advanced to at least break existing stalmates.

PARIS, TUNIS AGREE

PARIS, Saturday (UP). — French and Tunisian negotiators announced tonight that they have reached final agreement on a common proclamation to the Tunisian outlaws to surrender or be wiped out by both sides acting together.

A Plea form the Negev for Toys

The first request to the Toy Fund is at hand. It is from the Youth House, in Beersheba, and the principal of the school, Mr. Perez Urieli, in a letter to *The Jerusalem Post*, puts the matter quite simply and very movingly.

Mr. Urieli asks that his institution should be favoured with Hanukka gifts. His is an all-day school, and the pupils are among Beersheba's "neediest."

"We intend holding a suitable Hanukka celebration, and wish to enable the pupils properly to rejoice. We beg you to help bring some light and joy to the children of newly arrived parents."

This appeal speaks for itself: it speaks for many more institutions of this kind up and down the country and is irresistible.

With the first request, we acknowledge the first four contributions, which did not even wait for the queue to form: — *IL.25 — Israhotra Ltd., Haifa; IL.5 — Canfit Cutting Service, Haifa; IL.2 — Itzhak Cohen, Haifa; IL.2 — Ricka and Zvi Kenipe, Jerusalem.*

Kol Yisrael's Newsreel last night wound up with interviews from the Editor's room in *The Jerusalem Post*, when the Managing Editor and Mrs. Miriam Hoofien, speaking for this paper and for Sa'ad, respectively, briefly outlined the purposes of the sixth annual Toy Fund drive.

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Impossible to Raise Wages—Eshkol

HAIFA, Saturday. — "It is impossible to raise wages without causing inflation and economic ruin," Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, told Mapai Party workers here this morning at a meeting called to discuss next year's wage policy.

"For at least another 10 years, superhuman efforts will be needed to extract a living from our scant natural resources," he said. Mr. Eshkol called for "10 years of hard work, better work, and higher output — from the apprentice in the workshop to the professor at the University." No wage increase during this period should be allowed except for higher output, he warned.

Mr. Eshkol promised some tax relief for employed persons, better food supplies and an assured supply of essential needs. But if the Mapai Party leaders' stand for a wage freeze is not accepted, the time has come for a change of leadership, he warned. There might be a moral case for our present standard of living, but it lacks every economic base, Mr. Eshkol told his audience bluntly.

There was a wide clamour for subsidies. If wages were raised, the cost of repairing a ship in the new floating dock might rise to a level where a dollar would equal three pounds. Zim would find that excessive and would demand subsidies to avoid higher freight charges. Such examples could be multiplied.

Referring to the achievements of agriculture, Mr. Eshkol said that if they were looked at from the dollar angle, the picture darkened. The export of groundnuts required a IL.300 subsidy per ton. If wages were boosted, many enterprises could not stand up to it. The chain reaction was higher wages, higher subsidies, higher taxes and finally more unemployment.

The export industry would come under close scrutiny, and many would not survive the inquiry, he warned. In reply to a suggestion to cut down on administration, he stated that the local labour councils objected to dismissals.

Mr. Abba Khoushy charged that the price gap between the producer and the retailer was as high as 300 per cent. He quoted the example for fish which the fishermen sold at 800 pruta per kilo and the retailers at IL.2.500. He also called for higher managerial efficiency as a precondition for a higher productivity.

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Russia Offers To Postpone Talks

MOSCOW, Saturday. — The Soviet Union today offered to postpone the proposed November 29 conference on European Security if the West were to postpone the ratification of the Paris agreements on German rearmament.

This was stated by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V.M. Molotov, in reply to one of several questions put to him by a Pravda correspondent at a press conference held at the Soviet Foreign Ministry. The other answers generally involved a restatement of views given on previous occasions.

The Soviet Foreign Minister's statement was regarded as the strongest warning yet that the West would "burn its boats" if it went ahead with the ratification of the Paris agreements.

Western observers did not consider that the Russians really believed that the Western Governments would agree to postpone the ratification, and an immediate negative reaction was forthcoming from London, Paris, and Washington.

The West German Cabinet yesterday approved the London and Paris agreements on German sovereignty and the Saar by a hairbreadth majority of one vote. Ten Ministers, all belonging to Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party, voted for the agreements, which now go to the Bundestag.

In London, meanwhile, the Commons approved the treaties by 264 to four. Nearly all the Labour members abstained.

(UP, Reuter)

HAILSTORM HITS TEL AVIV, HAIFA

A heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by hailstones of up to a centimetre in diameter, hit Tel Aviv at about 6.30 yesterday evening. The torrential rains caused extensive flooding in many streets, with the water coursing rapidly over the pavements.

In Haifa, large hailstones hit the city at about 9.30. The lashing lasted some ten minutes and was accompanied by lightening and thunder. It then gave way to intense rain.

Soon after the hailstorm had subsided the Haifa Fire Brigade received 30 calls to help pump out flooded cellars and all engines with pumps were sent to help the most urgent cases. The hail left a dangerous layer of ice over Haifa and electricity was cut off in various parts of the town.

In Lydda 15.5 m.m. of rain fell between 7.00 and 7.30 yesterday evening.

U.S. Warns Arabs On Caring for Refugees

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (Reuter).—Both Britain and the U.S. announced to the U.N. yesterday that they would support the "continued life and mandate" of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees for another five years.

The U.S. delegate, Mr. James Wadsworth, warned, however, that if prompt action was not forthcoming by most of the Arab Governments on rehabilitation projects, the attitude of his Government "must inevitably undergo thorough examination."

Continued U.S. support would depend on tangible evidence of progress on the programmes of public works in those Arab countries within a reasonable period of time.

Egypt Ratifies Suez Accord

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — Egypt has ratified the agreement for the withdrawal of 70,000 British troops from the Suez Canal Zone, Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi announced today.

He said that the Cabinet, which has both legislative and executive powers, had ratified the agreement "in the name of the nation," and the documents had been signed by Premier Abdul Nasser, acting as chief of state.

Until his removal last week, there had been some speculation as to whether President Nagib would sign the ratification documents.

A report from Damascus says that King Saud has refused Egypt's request to clamp down on the activities of the Moslem Brotherhood in Saudi Arabia.

Hodeiby Trial Tomorrow; Death Asked for Latif

CAIRO, Saturday (UP). — Hassan el-Hodeibi, Supreme Guide of the Moslem Brotherhood, will be tried on Monday on charges of attempting to overthrow the Government of Prime Minister Gamal Abdul Nasser, it was officially announced today.

Meanwhile, Government Prosecutor Abdel Rahman Saleh demanded the death sentence for Mahmoud Abdel Latif, who attempted to assassinate Nasser last month in Alexandria.

Saleh charged that all members of the Moslem Brotherhood's secret order were responsible under law for the murder attempt. He described el-Hodeibi as "the principal criminal" in the case.

Quick Release of Bat Galim, Crew Asked by MAC Head

Cairo Complaint Ruled 'Unfounded'

Israel and Egypt were called on by the U.N. Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission on Friday "to come quickly to an agreement for the release of the Bat Galim and her crew." Lieut.-Col. C. G. Bartholdy, of Denmark, the Chairman, made his plea after voting in favour of Israel's resolution which declared unfounded an Egyptian complaint alleging that the ship had entered Egyptian waters, fired on her ships and killed two fishermen.

The Egyptian resolution failed when the Chairman abstained and Israel voted against. It alleged violation of Egyptian waters by the Bat Galim, but did not repeat the claim on the shooting.

Voted on first, the Egyptian resolution held that having discussed the original Egyptian complaint and the report of the U.N. Observers the Commission should find that during the night of September 27-28 the Israel vessel, Bat Galim, had entered Egyptian territorial waters.

Egypt wanted the Commission to decide that this action was a violation of Article II, Paragraph 2 of the General Armistice Agreement and of the Shipping Agreement signed by both parties and witnessed by the Chairman of the MAC.

Cairo Motion Loses

The Egyptian delegation voted in favour of this resolution, the Israel delegation against, while the Chairman abstained and the resolution was thereby lost.

The Chairman explained his abstention as follows:

"First, I wish to recall the terms of Article II, Para. 2 of the General Armistice Agreement, which states: 'No element of the land, sea or air military or para-military forces of either party, including non-regular forces, shall commit any warlike or hostile act against the military or para-military forces of the other party, or against civilians in territory under control of that party, or shall advance beyond or pass over for any purpose whatsoever the Armistice Demarcation Line set forth in Article IV of the agreement except as provided in Article III of the Agreement; and elsewhere shall not violate the international frontier; or enter into or pass through the air space of the other party or through the waters within three miles of the coastline of the other party.

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MAC Tells Israel To Take Down Fence

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, at an emergency meeting on Friday, called on Israel to destroy all military emplacements, including a military fence, in the no-man's-land in the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem and to make any military work unusable for offensive and defensive purposes.

The Jordan resolution, which was adopted by the votes of the Jordan delegates and the Chairman, also called on Israel to keep the MAC informed of the implementation of the resolution and to allow the Chairman to inspect the area.

At the opening of the meeting the Israel delegation raised a point of order concerning the legality of the emergency meeting. The Chairman put the point of order to the vote and it was rejected, the Jordan delegates and the Chairman voting against it, while the Israel delegation did not participate in the vote. The Israel delegation was not present for the vote on the resolution itself.

'Illegal Procedure'

The Army spokesman announced that in view of the "illegal procedure" adopted in connection with the calling of the emergency meeting and in order to enable the Israel officer in charge of Armistice Commissions to take part in the meeting, the Israel delegation had proposed the postponement of the meeting to a later date.

When the Israel request was rejected, the Israel delegation did not participate in the continuation of the discussion.

Yesterday morning, an Israel unit patrolling the Armistice Lines in Jerusalem discovered a number of Arab Legionnaires putting up a barbed wire fence in the yard of a house in the Abu Tor quarter in Jerusalem's no-man's-land, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

When U.N. Observers and an Israel representative to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission arrived at the spot, the Legionnaires stopped work and withdrew. A joint investigation is to be held today.

Egypt Asks Meeting Of Appeals C'ttee

CAIRO, Saturday. — The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, announced today that Egypt has appealed to the Chief of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization Gen. E.L.M. Burns, to give the Bat Galim matter another hearing before the Special Appeals Committee under his chairmanship.

Dr. Fawzi said that the ship's crew of ten whose immediate release was asked by the M.A.C. Chairman will be kept under detention here.

Sources close to the Government said today that Egypt would challenge the Commission's decision and take the matter to the United Nations Security Council.

The Appeals Committee was set up under the terms of the General Armistice Agreement with Egypt. It takes up matters of principle, but does not judge on the facts of the case.

Egypt Bars Passage

Egypt will not allow Israel ships to traverse the Suez Canal despite any Mixed Armistice Commission rulings, a Government spokesman said today.

Col. Salah Gomar, the spokesman, referred to yesterday's decision by the MAC that the Bat Galim, seized by Egypt, had not violated the truce agreement between the two nations in attempting transit of the waterway.

He said that the ruling did not mean anything to Egypt because "Egypt is already on record in the United Nations Security Council that she won't allow Israel flag ships to traverse the Canal on the grounds that such action would be a violation of her sovereignty. This policy remains unchanged."

(A U.N. spokesman in Jerusalem told *The Jerusalem Post* that by midnight last night General Burns had not received the Egyptian appeal against the MAC decision).

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Social & Personal

Dr. A. Arnon has been elected Chairman of the Israel-Finland Friendship Association, established last week at a meeting attended by the Finnish Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. T. Kala, and the Finnish Consul General, Mr. I. Oiserman. Mr. David Karni, formerly Counsellor to the Israel Legations in the Scandinavian countries, was elected Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Zvi Segal, Honorary Secretary.

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A group of American newspaper editors and community leaders is now in Israel on a study tour. The party consists of Mr. Bernard O'Shea, editor, Swanton Courier, Swanton, Vt., and adviser to Sen. Flanders; Mr. P. L. Prattis, editor, Pittsburgh Courier; Mr. Floyd Crews, of Scarsdale, N.Y., attorney and member of the Board of Directors of the American Bar Association; Mr. Gerhard Saenger, New York, contributor to Aufbau; Mr. Edgar Kennedy, former adviser to the U.N. on refugee problem in Korea; Mr. Hugo Jaeckel, managing editor, Land Reborn; Mr. Max Turkheimer, (who is expected to join the group today) special feature writer for the New York World-Telegram and Sun and Dr. and Mrs. Jackson. The visitors, who are now at the Eden Hotel, Jerusalem, toured the capital over the week-end and met public leaders. They will be in the country until the beginning of next week.

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Messrs. Morris Dewoskin, Nathan Schwartz and Joseph Stein, active in the Bond Drive in Chicago, were the luncheon guests of Dr. Avraham Biran, Jerusalem District Representative, at the King David Hotel on Friday. In the evening, they were the guests of Mr. Joseph Sugarman, Chairman of the Israel Bond Organization.

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Dr. Benjamin Wolf Gruenbaum, of Berkeley University, U.S., a research worker in biochemistry, was the guest of the Weizmann Institute on Friday. Dr. Gruenbaum toured Sweden, Denmark and Britain on a private visit before coming to Israel.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. Eliezer Doron, returning with his family upon completion of his tour of duty as First Secretary at the Israel Embassy in Washington; Mr. Hanan Aynor, formerly Vice-Consul in Montreal, returning on short home leave before proceeding to Rio de Janeiro as First Secretary at the Legation there; Mrs. Hanna Haggag and Miss Mazlah Hassan, returning from Washington where they demonstrated Israel rug-making and presented Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower with a rug they had made (by El AL); Mr. Aharon Becker, head of the Histadrut Trades Union Department, returning from a nine-day I.L.O. conference in Switzerland.

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BIRTH

BROSH — To Audrey (née Goldston), wife of Rav-Seren Zvi Brosh (Boroschek), at the Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv, on November 18, 1954 — a son.

LUXURY NIGHT CLUB OPENING IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The "Dan Club," the Dan Hotel's sumptous night club, will open its glass portals to 240 first night guests in full evening dress here tomorrow night. There will be entertainment by artists from America and Europe, while dance music is to be provided by a five-piece band led by Mr. Eric Ast.

Where to go.

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions: —
Paintings by Haim Nahor Lichter and Aquarels and woodcuts by Mordecai Avniel, Artists' House, 10-1, 4-6.
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.). 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6 p.m.
Paintings and Sculpture by Kaete Ephraim-Mercus, Mora Studio, 10-1, 3-6.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions: —
Memorial Exhibition of Sculpture by Zeev Ben-Zvi, Museum 5 p.m.
Photographs by Anna Riokin-Brick, Stockholm. Museum, 5 p.m.
★ Theatre: —
"Casablan," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Ziratron: —
Circus Parade, 3.30 p.m.

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At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

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ORGIL: Puccini, 2nd week.
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LAW REPORT

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In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeal
Before Justices Agranat, Goitein and Berenson.

1. David Cohen, 2. David Raani, 3. Dov Taiber, Appellants, v. The Estate of the late Eliahu Chvilin & Others, Respondents (C.A. 304/53).

Taxi Owners Liable for Damages Jointly with Driver

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on November 20, 1953, (C.C. 849/52) according to which the appellants were ordered to pay the respondents IL.21,000 damages plus 9% interest from the day on which judgment was given, and an additional IL.650 costs.

Early one morning in April, 1954, Mr. Eliahu Chvilin aroused a sleepy taxi driver in Haifa and arranged to be driven to Tel Aviv. On the way, according to an eye-witness account, the taxi suddenly swerved to the left of the road, continued on that side for a few seconds, after which the left-hand wheels left the road altogether, the car proceeding with two wheels in the trench alongside the road and two on the road itself. The taxi then regained the road and overturned, as a result of which Chvilin was fatally injured.

The driver, David Cohen, the first appellant, and the two owners of the taxi, Messrs. Raani and Taiber, the second and third appellants respectively, were sued in the Tel Aviv District Court for compensation by Chvilin's widow and two children.

District Court Judge Raveh found Cohen guilty of negligence and held that, as Cohen's relationship to the owners of the taxi was that of a servant to his employers, within the meaning of the Civil Wrongs Ordinance, all three were jointly liable for compensation.

Judgment

Justice Goitein, who delivered the judgment, with Justices Agranat and Berenson concurring, commenced with a description of the circumstances of the case, propounding the theory that the taxi-driver, who had had very little sleep the night previous to the accident, had dozed off at the wheel for a few fatal seconds. He emphasized that this was merely a presumption since no proof to that effect had been produced.

He then turned his attention to the arguments of the opposing advocates as to the applicability in this country of the principle of *res ipsa loquitur* ("the thing speaks for itself") concluding, after an analysis of Justice Silberg's judgment in C.A. 224/51 (P.D.7/674) and of the latest English precedent (Rose v. Minister of Health, 1954, 2 Q.B. 66) that, whether this principle applied here or not, it was clear that the facts brought before the District Court were of such a nature as to have justified Judge Raveh's conclusion that the driver had not proved lack of negligence on his part, and that he was, therefore, liable for damages.

Mr. Kahane, Counsel for the appellants, submitted that, since section 54 of the Civil Wrongs' Ordinance lays down that when in any action brought in respect of damage "it appears to the Court that the happening of the occurrence causing the damage is more consistent with the defendant having failed to exercise reasonable care than with his having exercised such care, the onus shall be upon the defendant to show that there was no negligence"; therefore, as the driver has merely "to show" and not "to prove" that there was no negligence, there was no onus on him to bring evidence of his lack of negligence. While describing this submission as "interesting," Justice Goitein nevertheless dismissed it, concluding that there was no difference between "to show" and "to prove" other than the legislator's desire to distinguish between negative evidence (generally produced by the defendant) which can be shown rather than proved, and positive evidence (generally produced by the plaintiff) which must be proved.

Servant or Agent

Justice Goitein then went on to consider the question of whether the first respondent had been a servant, in the technical sense of the term, of the second two respondents with whom an arrangement had been made stipulating that Cohen would act as a taxi-driver, handing over part of his earnings to the owners of the taxi; the latter would pay for the petrol and for all running repairs, were entitled to dismiss Cohen and could give him certain instructions (which they had done), including a prohibition of allowing anyone else to use the car.

After analysing the definition of master and servant in the Civil Wrongs Ordinance, which defines master as "a person who, in relation to another, has complete control of the way in which such other performs his work for such person..." and servant as "any person whose work is so controlled"; and after taking into account the circumstances of the case, Justice Goitein concluded that there had not been sufficient evidence before Judge Raveh that the owners of the taxi had had "complete control" over the driver; the District Court judge had erred, therefore, in finding that the driver was a "servant."

There was, however, in Justice Goitein's opinion, sufficient evidence to conclude that the driver had been an "agent" of the owners within the terms of section 11(1)(b) of the Ordinance which says: "any person who employs an agent, not being his servant, to do any act on his behalf shall be liable for anything done by such agent in the performance of, and for the manner in which such agent does such act." He concluded that from the fact that the owners could dismiss the driver if they so desired and could prevent him from allowing the car to be used by any other person, it was clear that the driver had served in the capacity of agent to the owners. Furthermore, the fact that the driver had collected a fare from the deceased indicated both that he was an agent and that, at the time of the accident, he was in the performance of an act on behalf of the owners. The owners were, therefore, liable for the damage caused by their agent's negligence. Justice Goitein added that the owners would be held responsible even though the driver had been operating for his own profit as well as theirs (2 A.E.L.R. 1938, page 753).

Dealing with Mr. Kahane's argument that the District Court had not correctly evaluated the damage caused to the respondents Justice Goitein pointed out that it had been decided time and again that the extent of damage was a matter of fact, and that the Supreme Court would not interfere with a decision of the court of lower instance unless this decision had been based on faulty considerations. He nevertheless discussed several of the objections raised by the appellants' Counsel, dismissing the contention that the District Court should have deducted the equivalent of the Income Tax which the deceased would have had to pay, were he alive, from the amount of compensation granted. The Justice held that every decision on compensation was based on approximate evaluations and not on a mathematical calculation; he also dismissed the contention that there had been insufficient evidence on which to base a conclusion as to the expectation of life of the deceased man, relying on C.A. 176/53 (reported in *The Jerusalem Post* Law Report of October 3, 1954).

Appeal dismissed with additional costs of IL.100 for respondents.

Judgment given on November 17, 1954.

For the appellants: Advocates Kahane and Neuman. *For the respondents:* Advocates Schneour and Zakheim.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA

P.R. 776/54.

In the matter of the late Sonia Kniker of Poland, who died at Concentration Camp on or about 1945.

PETITIONER: Roman Kniker of America, represented in Israel by the Bank Leumi Le Israel Trust Company Ltd. through M. Y. Disha, advocate of 30 Rehov Levontin, Tel Aviv.

SUMMONS: Let all persons take notice that the above petitioner Roman Kniker has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Sonia Kniker of Poland, and that the said application will be heard on December 8, 1954 at 10.30 a.m.

Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

S. BAZI — Registrar.

Nov. 17, 1954.

ON THE AIR

493, 360, 43.9 & 33.3 M.
FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 9.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only), 6.30 Exercise, 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Music at Noon. 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.20 Message to Immigrants. 1.50 Songs of the People (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Accordeon Intermezzo: Efraim Weill. 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra; Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger; Soloist: Karel Berent: Overture "Peter Schmoll" (Weber); Clarinet Concerto No. 1 (Weber). 7.35 Talk. 7.45 What's New in Science. 8.00 Wells of Work. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: Igor Markevitch with 8 operatic Soloists: "Don Giovanni" (Mozart), Part I. 9.30 Round-Table Discussion. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Hanna Zamir & Avraham Wilkomirsky. 10.30 Ron Bah (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 460, 235, 216, 43.9 & 22.5 M.
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English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m. IMMIGRANTS HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down.

8.40 p.m. Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down. KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.22 Personal Column. 11.30 Newsreel. 11.45 Songs of Mordechai Zeira. 12.00 Talmud Lesson.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 213, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 Galei Zahal Programme: Light Music. 7.30 Sports. 7.45 Requests: Concerto grosso (Handel); Violin Concerto No. 5 (Mozart); Symphony No. 4 (Schubert). 8.30 News. 8.45 Light Music. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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Keith-Roach Dead In Switzerland, 69

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). —The death was announced here today of Mr. Edward Keith-Roach, for nearly twenty years District Commissioner of Jerusalem, at Les Avants Montreux, Switzerland. He was 69.

"K.R.", as he was known to the Palestine Civil Service (and indeed as he liked to be known) came to Palestine with Allenby's forces, close to the end of the First World War. He left it in 1943 after some 25 years of continuous service, mostly as District Commissioner of Jerusalem, with a short spell in Haifa.

A sound administrator, Mr. Keith-Roach was something of a showman, and his heartiness and his capacity for making friends tended to obscure the solid worth of his work as a loyal Civil Servant. His envy was his predecessor, Sir Ronald Storrs, as "Governor of Jerusalem," and what he lacked of Storrs' gifts as linguist and Orientalist, he tended to make up in good-fellowship, and in playing host to the great and near great.

For Jerusalem he had a genuine feeling of reverence and affection, and it is doubtful whether he would have been truly happy anywhere else. For him, as for many of the British Civil Service in Mandatory days, there was no promotion after Jerusalem. Indifferent health caused him to sepnd some part of his last nine years in "exile," away from both England and the Holy Land, both of which he loved equally.

Politics, and there was plenty of it "inter-racially," was to Mr. Keith-Roach an exercise of wits; and he played, or tried to, with Arabs and Jews, sometimes descending to playing off one against the other. He played the "Pasha" before the Arabs, and was liked for it. The Jewish population, in its sophistication, did not on the whole take too kindly to some of his more transparent blandishments, but valued him for his real interest in the capital's welfare.

He collaborated with Sir Harry Luke, one-time Chief Secretary, in a book of lasting interest, the "Handbook of Palestine" and towards the end of his tour of duty in this country produced another book which has not yet seen the light of day.

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Beit Gil Tenants Spurn Cesspit Talks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The householders of Beit Gil, in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem, have refused a request by the owners to come to terms on a "final solution" to the problem of the chronically overflowing cesspit.

The householders point out that they bought their apartments in good faith, not knowing that the building possessed one eight cubic metre cesspit, and not two of 60 cubic metres as required by the building permit issued by the Municipality.

The trial of the owners, Mr. Rafael Tarabulous and Mr. Yitzhak Ben Atar, will be resumed on Tuesday in the Jerusalem Municipal Court. They are charged with failing to build additional cesspits which would eliminate the nuisance caused by the overflowing sewage coursing through the heart of Katamon.

In a letter to the householders, Mr. Ezra Levy, the contractor, wrote that "everyone" should cooperate towards finding a solution.

Of the 16 apartments, Mr. Tarabulous owns five and Mr. Ben Atar one. Mr. Levy technically holds three, since he has not yet transferred their titles, although they have been sold.

The seven householders point out that the owners would escape from paying for 7/16 of the cost and they, the householders, will in effect be forced to pay twice for the cesspit.

Remand Extended For Extortion

The detention of Haim Schnerb, under suspicion of extorting large sums of money from various persons in Jerusalem, was extended for five days on Friday by Jerusalem Magistrate M. Haimovitz.

Police Officer Y. Sargosti announced that the police would not oppose the release of the accused on condition that he provide a high bail and deposit an additional cash sum in the Court. A previous bond, posted for the accused at the time of his first detention, has meanwhile been voided at the request of the donor, Dr. M. Ya'acovi. The detainee was unsuccessful in providing the required bail.

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Religious Services

JERUSALEM

St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): E.P. 7 p.m. H.C. 8 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon H.R.R. Jonas.

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M. S. 10 a.m. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 4.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel Languages: German, Italian, English, French, 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian; St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne), Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese; 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel), Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m., Pierre de Sion, 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 110): Bible Lectures, 10.30 a.m. Breaking of Bread, 5 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia). Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School; 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship; 4 p.m. Bible class.

Jehovah's Witnesses: Bible Study 6.30 p.m. 36/4 Moria St., Baka'a: Wednesday: 6 p.m.

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Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (co. 19 Eilat St.); H.C., 7 a.m. M.P. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m. Preacher Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B. 2772.

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St. Luke's Church: Mountain St., near Vine St. (Anglican Protestant; Episcopal); H.C., 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 6.30 (P.O.B. 1797.

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BRISBANE, Saturday. — Two other M.C.C. batsmen saved the tourists in their pre-test match here against Queensland, on the first day of their four-day match. Simpson and Compton, both with centuries, helped a hard-pressed side to amass 304 runs before dismissal. Lindwall, Australian fast test bowler, appearing for the first time against the M.C.C. this tour, took four wickets for 66 runs, and Archer two for 37. The Queensland side made 97 runs for the loss of one wicket by the close of the second day.

The first test against Australia opens here next Friday. This game was a repetition of the scene of two batsmen saving an otherwise ineffectual batting side. At Sydney last week, against South Australia, in a game which ended in a draw, it was Hutton, with a first innings century and 87 in the second, and young 21-year-old Cowdrey, with centuries in both innings, which gave the Englishmen respectable scores. Hutton is not playing against Queensland.

Patterson Beats Slade

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Floyd Patterson, the 1952 Olympic middleweight champion, outpointed Jimmy Slade, one of the world's top ranked boxers, in an eight-round light-heavyweight bout at Madison Square Garden here last night.

Three years ago, Slade stopped the present British heavyweight champion, Don Cockell, in four rounds in a light-heavyweight contest. Patterson, whose only defeat in 19 professional fights was by former light-heavyweight champion Joey Maxim, is not allowed to fight more than eight rounds until his 20th birthday in January.

Slade, ranked among the top four in both the heavyweight and light-heavyweight divisions, has had his purse withheld by the New York State Athletic Commission because of his poor display. The crowd booed Slade through most of the fight, and the referee spoke to him during the sixth round, apparently telling him to step up his action.

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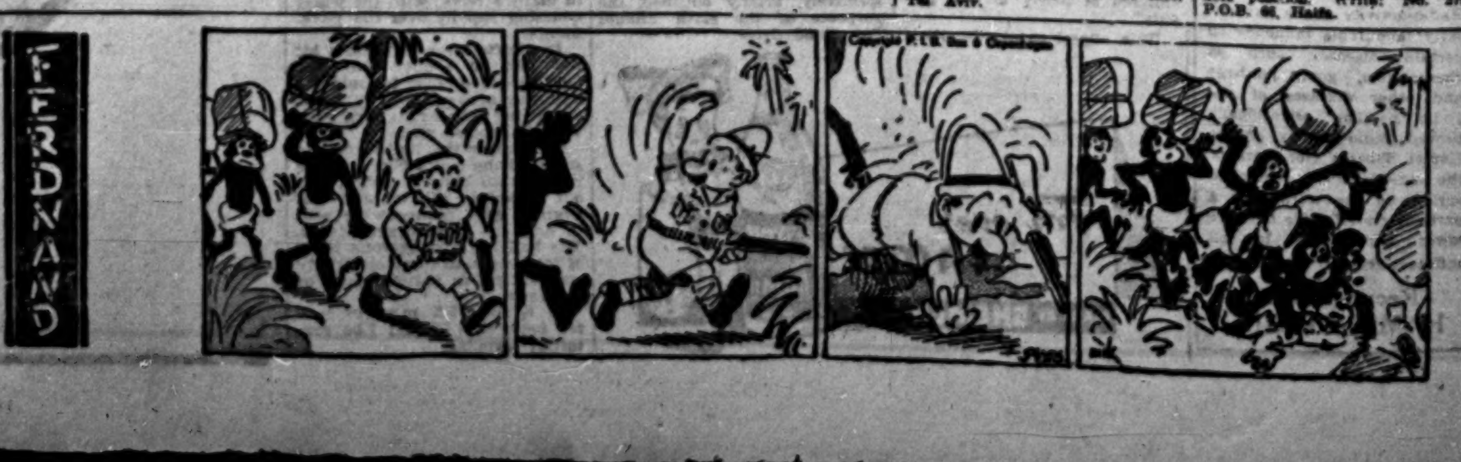

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Tel Aviv Kirya	—	—	—	23
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Lydda Airport	36	13	22	23
Jerusalem	56	14	18	18
Beersheba	—	—	—	25
Eilat	46	17	28	28

FORECAST: Partly cloudy with possibility of local showers.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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THE ITALIAN m.v. Franca Nari arrived in Haifa on Thursday night with 125 tons of frozen meat from Ethiopia. The ship passed through the Suez Canal without any difficulty.

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22 TURKEYS and a six-month-old calf were stolen from three settlers in Avihail near Natanya, on Friday night. A fourth coop, containing only hens, was broken into but was not robbed.

Old Man, Toddler Hurt by Cars

HAIFA, Saturday. — Rafael Cohen, 89, of Shikun Amidar, Kfar Ata, was seriously injured there yesterday morning when hit by a tender driven by Avraham Margalit, 22. He was repairing a hand cart at the time. He was taken to the Rothschild Hopital here. The driver was detained and released on bail.

Three-year-old Moshe Friedman, of the Hamizrahi quarter in B'nei Brak, was severely injured yesterday afternoon when he was knocked down by a truck driven by Avraham Morshiban of Tel Aviv. He was playing in an empty plot. The boy was taken to Beilinson Hospital, where his condition was reported as serious.

Artsa Makes 100th Voyage for Zim

HAIFA, Saturday. — The 3,500 ton, 14 knot Zim passenger ship, s.s. Artsa, left Haifa yesterday for Naples and Marseilles, on her 100th voyage under the Israel flag. The "century" was chalked up after five years of service for Zim. With yesterday's 200 passengers, the ship has now carried 22,000 immigrants and 35,000 tourists and Israelis.

She can carry 350 passengers, and has a 115-man crew headed by Capt. E. Hodorov.

Sharef Promises to Narrow Income Tax 'Discrimination'

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Discrimination between self-employed persons and wage-earners in respect of income tax will be partially abolished during this financial year and the gap will be narrowed further during the next year. Mr. Z. Sharef, Director of State Revenue, told the weekly meeting of the Commercial and Industrial Club here yesterday.

He also hinted that the present system of tax credits might be abolished and personal allowances reintroduced. Though tax credits are favoured for reasons of social justice, they are not popular as the public does not understand them, he said. Most tax payers did not realize for example, that a tax credit of IL.45 for a wife is equivalent to an allowance of IL.300.

A complete list of assessments for 1953-54 will be published by the end of next March, and many misconceptions and false arguments now prevailing will be shattered when the true figures become known, Mr. Sharef claimed. Next year, statistics of tax payments and assessments according to income groups will also be published for the first time.

Good relations with the tax-paying public were now given increased emphasis by the tax authorities, and to this end, special training is to be introduced for the 3,500 clerks in the tax administration, about half of whom are in constant contact with the public.

In Petah Tikva, on Thursday night, Mr. Sharef announced that the 60 public committees, which are to advise income tax officials on the determination of taxes and hear appeals by citizens on their assessments, will begin operating throughout the country on December 1.

Any citizen who has presented an appeal to the Income Tax Office and has not yet received a final decision, is entitled to ask for a hearing before a Public Committee.

Regulations in the law securing the confidential nature of information given to Income Tax officials, apply equally to all material presented to a Public Committee.

The Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister's Office will meet at 10 o'clock on Monday morning in the Assembly Hall of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem to continue its discussions on income tax.

Things Are Getting Better—Susayeff

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Zalman Susayeff, told a General Zionist meeting here last night that he thought it was "high time we stopped feeling sorry for ourselves." What the country needed now, he said, was healthy competition and honest payment of taxes.

A great improvement in the international climate was to be noted during the past six months, he continued. The West was coming to realize the unreliability of the Arabs, while our trade relations with the East were improving.

More Food Now

The food situation now was better than before: potatoes are plentiful and there are good harvest prospects. Eggs are abundant and he thought that egg, poultry and vegetable prices would drop during December. The margarine ration for November and December would be issued in December, and from that month the fat ration would be normal again. Fish would be plentiful during the coming year, though meat would remain scarce.

Mr. Susayeff noted that clothing and footwear prices had remained steady during the year, as had the black market price for the dollar, showing the stability of the Israel pound during that time.

The Anti-Cartel and Monopoly Law would enter into force shortly, he went on. He thought that the country was too small to have two sectors in its economic life.

All sections of the community, including the Arabs, should be made to pay their taxes, Mr Susayeff declared. Private investors in the Negev would be accorded special privileges.

BAT GALIM

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"I do not think this article should apply to this case."

"Second, it has certainly been the practice of both parties to present complaints to the MAC relating to merchant or fishing ships of one party entering the territorial waters of the other party. Some of these complaints contain a mention to the effect that such an act constitutes a violation of the General Armistice Agreement.

"However, the MAC had never decided on these complaints. They have been dealt with in informal meetings or sub-committee meetings and have been settled directly by the parties. Although the parties concluded a Shipping Agreement on July 23, 1953, relating to the release of any non-military vessel of one party carrying non-military cargo and which as the result of force majeure seeks shelter in the territorial water of the other party, it is not for the MAC to decide in a resolution whether this Agreement has been decided or not.

"However," Colonel Bartholdy added, "in the present instance, the ship, Bat Galim, was bound for the Suez Canal. But the Security Council is dealing with a complaint by Israel concerning this general question which is outside the competence of this MAC."

The Israel delegation then tabled its resolution stating that having considered the investigation report and the statements of both partes, the MAC finds the Egyptian complaint regarding the Bat Galim case to be unfounded and that no provision of the General Armistice Agreement has been violated by Israel.

The Senior Egyptian delegate said that his delegation considered that the resolution presented by Israel was not in conformity with the Armistice Agreement nor with the Rules of Procedure of the MAC.

Before the meeting concluded, the Chairman said:

"I have voted for the Israel resolution because conclusive evidence has not been produced that the Bat Galim attacked Egyptian fishermen in the Gulf of Suez.

"I shall call on both parties to come quickly to an agreement for the release of the Bat Galim and her crew."

Harding in Amman; Faisal in Beirut

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived here today on his tour of British Middle East installations. Field Marshal Harding will also tour Arab Legion establishments and is expected to meet King Hussein during his stay.

Two of the seven newly acquired Iraqi jet planes crashed yesterday while accompanying King Faisal from Jordan to Beirut, NEABS reports. The crash took place over Syria and was attributed to "bad weather."

The Jordan press and public attach more importance than is warranted to this week's visits of Field Marshal Harding and the Under-Secretary for Middle Eastern Affairs, Mr. Shuckburgh, says The Times special correspondent in Amman. It is assumed that the questions of British troops for Jordan and peace with Israel are in the wind, and both are delicate ones in Jordan.

The despatch adds that opinion in Jordan has been soured by the Western Ambassadors' presentation of credentials in Jerusalem and Sir Anthony Eden's recent reference to British support for Israel in certain contingencies. These have been read or misread as reducing the value of Britain's treaty obligations to Jordan.

It is perhaps not altogether surprising that Prime Minister Abul Huda should have decided to leave on Friday for a holiday in Beirut. Observers here are of the opinion that if there is to be a settlement, the lead will have to come from Egypt or one of the other Arab states.

TORIES. — The Government on Thursday night retained the parliamentary seat of West Derby in a by-election in Liverpool.

Zealots Assault Taxi Driver

A group of Zealots assaulted a taxi-driver, Mr. Eliahu Elitzuri, near the Polish Consulate in Katamon on Friday evening, and spat on his passengers. Mr. Elitzuri was injured by one of a number of stones thrown at him. Two young men were arrested later in connection with the incident.

Two further arrests were made yesterday morning in the vicinity of Mahane Yehuda when a large crowd of Zealots who were interfering with passers-by refused to dispense. One of the detainees is to be charged with assaulting a police constable.

It is understood that a group of 150 young men from various youth movements patrolled Jaffa Road early in the morning to prevent the outbreak of shouting and the interference with passers-by which has become a regular Sabbath morning feature in the area. When a Zealot was asked to refrain from shouting, he brought reinforcements from a nearby *yeshiva* who began stoning the youngsters. One boy was dragged inside the *yeshiva* and was severely beaten. When his friends attempted a rescue, a small riot ensued, which was ended by the arrival of the police.

Prosecutor Claims Blau Broke Peace

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Regardless of who actually threw stones in front of the Working Womens Club for children in Rehov Devora Hanevia, Jerusalem during the incident on October 27, the three men on trial should have dispersed on being requested by the police, and sufficient evidence has been heard to prove that their assembling constituted a disturbance of the peace, the Police Prosecutor, Samal Yitzhak Elhanan, stated on Friday in Jerusalem Magistrates Court. He was summing up the case for the prosecution against Rabbi Amram Blau, 55, Yehoshua Blau, 18, and Yehuda Samit, 20, who are charged with illegal assembly.

Rabbi Blau was not present during Friday's session and the trial was continued in his absence.

Dr. A. Buxbaum, in summing up for his client Samit, called the establishment of the Club a blatant provocation, intended to impose an influence on Orthodox circles.

In addition to Chief Magistrate Peretz, Magistrates M. Eventov and Y. Weiner, comprised the bench. No definite date was set for the handing down of the verdict, though Mr. Peretz stated that it would probably be within a week.

Five of those arrested in connection with demonstrations against the Club were released on Friday, on their personal guarantees to appear at Police Headquarters when called. Still in prison are 15 others arrested in connection with the demonstrations. The prison authorities have supplied them with a Scroll of the Law to enable them to hold religious services.

THROWN INTO SEA BY WAVE, DROWNED

HAIFA, Saturday. — Yosef Ehrlich, 54, of Kiryat Haim, drowned in Caesarea yesterday morning when a large wave threw him off the quay into the sea. Ehrlich was inspecting the Caesarea port as a works foreman for the Public Works Department at the time.

The body was recovered but attempts at revival were unsuccessful.

G.Z. Reject Rate Increase in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mayor Haim Levanon's plan to increase Municipal rates by 15 per cent was crushed by the Executive of the General Zionist Party which decided here yesterday, in the presence of the Mayor and other General Zionist Councillors, that the Party was against rate increases.

The Mayor will therefore withdraw his proposal which he had intended submitting to the Municipal Finance Committee this week. The Party leaders decided that in order to bridge the IL.2m. gap in the budget, the Municipality would have to cut down on several expenses and increase efficiency.

Observers here believe that the General Zionist leaders felt they could not support tax increase measures in this election year.

Crack Appears In Technion Strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday.—The strike of the Technion students for a relaxation of examination rules is showing signs of crumbling. Yesterday, the 140 students of the Technion Night School voted not to join the strike of their colleagues in the first, second and third year courses. The parents of the first year students, few of whom agree with the views of their sons and daughters regarding examination regulations, are to meet at the State elementary school at six o'clock tomorrow night.

The Technion directorate has called first year students to a meeting with the President, Rav-Aluf Ya'acov Dori, at nine o'clock on Monday morning.

In a communique to the press, the Students Association has stated that it objected to the examination rules from the moment they were put into effect two years ago, as they realized that they would hit the working students most. At that time, they were advised to wait and see how the regulations operate.

WORKER KILLED

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — A worker in the Even Ve'Sid quarries, Aharon Pinhas, 35 of Beersheba, was killed yesterday when he was run over by a sheepsfoot roller driven by Moshe Davidovitz, also of Beersheba. The driver was detained and held. A sheepsfoot roller is a heavy roller studded with metal projections and is used to hammer down earth in construction work.

'More Beds Needed For Mental Cases'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Although State hospitalization for mental patients will provide 1,800 beds this year, demand still exceeds space in the wards, the Minister of Health, Mr. Y. Serlin, said with regret at a symposium marking five years at the Government mental hospital in Be'er Ya'acov. The Minister disclosed that a further 365 beds would be included in next year's budget.

Dr. O. Feldmann, head of the Mental Hygiene Division in the Ministry, pointed out that improvement in hospital technique and better qualifications among personnel were even more important than the increase in beds. Be'er Ya'acov, unlike most mental institutions, had created a favourable pleasant environment for healing.

It has 260 patients, cared for by 160 employees. Its ward for girls between six and 14 enables observations of, and clinical research in, unusual cases. The hospital has initiated a seminar for male nurses specializing in psychiatric patients. In cooperation with the Hadassah Department of Psychiatry, a course has been arranged for doctors. A school for psychiatric nursing is already functioning inside the hospital, with 30 students.

Occupational therapy played a central role in the mental hospital treatment. The patients make furniture, garments, footwear, toys and instruments. The patients are paid a token wage for their work, said Dr. R. Mayer, the hospital director. No one is forced to work, but the patients feel ill at ease unless they find an occupation.

Safad Rejoices With Rabbi of Cluj

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Saturday. — In order to prevent the mobbing that almost engulfed him on his arrival at Lydda on Thursday morning, Rabbi Yekutiel Haberstam, of Cluj and his *entourage* arrived here unobtrusively in the early hours of yesterday morning.

In the evening, the Rabbi worshipped at the packed Synagogue of the Ari. Later, he entertained at his dinner table some 200 of his followers. After making *kiddush*, he gave a Torah discourse with tears coursing down his face. There was a wild scramble for the bits and pieces he offered from his meal in Hasidic tradition. Those who served the Rabbi walked on the tables. The ceremony ended at 1 a.m.

Asch Finds Comfort In Rebuilt Israel

HAIFA, Saturday. — "I have come neither to agitate nor to spread my ideas, but as an ordinary Jew who suffered in spirit all the tortures that our brethren have gone through since the rise of Hitler," Mr. Sholem Asch, the novelist, said here in the Amphitheatre last night at his first public appearance.

The theatre was crowded for the event — a literary evening arranged by the Labour Council's Cultural Committee. Mr. D. D. Malkin spoke on Mr. Asch's work and praised his daring; Mr. S. Turkoff read excerpts from the author's work in Hebrew and in Yiddish. Speaking in Yiddish, with much feeling, Mr. Asch said that the nation had survived the Nazi holocaust because God still wanted it to carry out many things. Mr. Asch concluded amid prolonged applause.

Kefauver, Bridges Urge New US Mid-East Policy

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat) and Styles Bridges (Republican) on Thursday called on the Administration to reappraise its policy toward Israel and her neighbours.

Speaking at a dinner honouring Mr. Mortimer May, President of the Zionist Organization of America, Senator Kefauver said he knew of no one in the administration who wanted to harm her, yet current policy "threatens the very existence of Israel." He added that the rule should be, "no military assistance to the Arab nations until there is peace between them and Israel."

Senator Bridges, who spoke first, declared flatly: "We must re-examine our policy as it relates to Israel and her neighbours."

BLAUSTEIN SEES BYROADE

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). Mr. Jacob Blaustein, Honorary President of the American Jewish Committee, had a long conference on Friday with Mr. Henry Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Protestant Family Comes from Gaza

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — The male members of an Arab Protestant family who had been living in Gaza for eight years and gave themselves up to the Israel authorities, seeking asylum here, were sentenced to three months in prison here yesterday, but will be released on Tuesday.

Brought before a summary military court here for illegal entry Yusef Yacub Hanna and his sons claimed that they had lived in Bat Yam until 1948. The family then moved to Gaza where the father, an engineer, took employment with the British. They were unable to return when the War of Independence broke out, and suffered greatly at the hands of the Egyptians because of their religion. Hanna therefore decided to cross the lines with his wife, two sons and four daughters and to appeal for asylum. They gave themselves up to a security patrol on August 28.

Hanna and his sons pleaded guilty to illegal entry, but denied that they were marauders. The court sentenced them to three months in prison, from the date of their surrender. It was recommended that a local Protestant Mission should be asked to look after the family. A local Protestant representative has promised to help.

YITZHAK GRUENBAUM TO BE FREEMAN

HADERA, Saturday.— Mr. Yitzhak Gruenbaum, Minister of Interior in the Provisional Government of Israel, is to be made the first Honorary Citizen of the Menashe District on the occasion of his 75th birthday, the Council decided yesterday. The village of Alonei Yitzhak, named for Mr. Gruenbaum, is in the Menashe district.

MIGDAL, AFRIDAR WANT TO UNITE

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Official spokesmen of both the Afridar quarter of Migdal Ashkelon and of Migdal Ashkelon itself, at separate meetings over the weekend, spoke in favour of the unification of the two areas.

The Chairman of the Afridar Council, Dr. A. Sonnabend, and Mr. A.L. Pinkus, both thought that the quarter should be joined to the Migdal Ashkelon Council, though the interests of the Israel-South African Company which built and until now has maintained the quarter — the first planned "neighbourhood unit" township in Israel—should be safeguarded in the continued planning and development of the suburb.

The Minister, Mr. Israel Rokach, ruled last week that the two areas should continue their separate entities for two years beyond the original December 31 deadline.

The Mayor of Migdal Ashkelon, Mr. E. Milrod, addressed a meeting this morning protesting against the ruling.

JEWELLERY AND cash valued at IL.500 were stolen from the apartment of the Turkish Military Attache at 17 Masaryk Square, Tel Aviv, on Wednesday night.

Cables in Brief

COMMUNISTS. — The arrest of four important members of the illegal Greek Communist Party, including the wife of a Greek Communist Polithureau member, was announced on Thursday by General Rachnos, Greek Under-Secretary for Security.

HUKS.— Mariano Balgos, No. 2 man of the Communist-led Huk rebels, was killed on Thursday in southern Luzon by a Philippine army patrol.

WARNING. — Terrified pit-ponies charging down an underground track at a Welsh coalmine warned miners of a runaway set of coal trucks. Most of them succeeded in escaping but 11 were injured.

MAIL WAR. — The Japanese Postal Ministry has refused to handle all mail from South Korea bearing a new stamp which shows Takeshima Island as Korean territory. Both Japan and South Korea claim sovereignty over the island.

ASYLUM. — A Soviet soldier, name and rank undisclosed, armed with two sub-machine-guns and several hand-grenades, has asked for asylum in West Germany, a British High Commission spokesman announced on Thursday. The soldier is now in British hands.

DADDY. — Swedes who sent £5 to the Winston Churchill 80th birthday fund began their letter "To the whole world's daddy."

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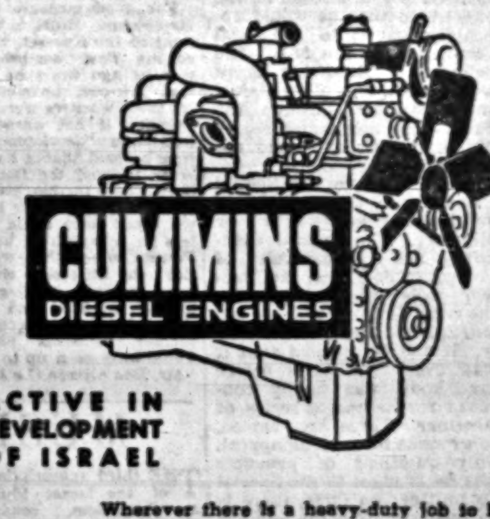

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TRUTH ON BAT-GALIM

THE two meetings of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission held at the end of last week ended in a complete vindication of the Israel position with regard to the Bat Galim incident. The Egyptian complaint, which failed through the abstention of the Chairman, was in itself an admission that the whole incident was a fabrication from beginning to end. In the face of the evidence presented by the U.N. observers' investigation, even the Egyptians in their resolution flinched from pressing the crux of the whole affair, that members of the crew of the Bat Galim had fired on Egyptian fishermen. All that was put forward at the meeting on Friday was a feeble bleat that the Israel vessel had entered Egyptian territorial waters in violation of Article II of the Armistice Agreement. Even this watered-down contention did not succeed.

But the action on the Israel resolution was much more positive even than that. Israel, in brief, claimed that the early and full Egyptian complaint which contained the allegations about the firing on Egyptian fishing vessels and the killing of Egyptian fishermen was unfounded. This resolution was adopted by the Commission, the Chairman voting in favour. In explaining his vote in favour of the Israel resolution, the Chairman repeated the Egyptian complaint in full, coldly stating that "conclusive evidence" was lacking and asking for the release "quickly" of the Bat Galim and its crew.

Appropriate action now rests with the United Nations machinery in this area. But there is a snag, for immediately following the MAC decision, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, announced that he would appeal against it to a Special Committee of the MAC and deliberately added that Egypt would still not allow Israel ships to pass through the Suez Canal and that the crew of the Bat Galim would not be released.

The appeal to the Special Committee is clearly designed as the first move in a new filibuster. The Special Committee has no fixed rules of procedure and once an incident falls into its purview the possibilities for delay can be exploited almost indefinitely. It will be recalled that it was over two years before that body was finally convened for its recent series of meetings. There are, indeed, no grounds for such an appeal. Only questions of principle may be brought to the Special Committee; on facts, there is no recourse from the findings of the Mixed Armistice Commission. In the case of the Bat Galim, the voting was purely on facts and there is therefore no reason why filibustering should be encouraged, let alone rewarded, and no sense in delaying matters by going back to the Security Council.

The question then now reverts in fact to the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization, who, it is expected, will make his report to the Security Council immediately, indicating that a clear and unambiguous decision has been reached on the facts in the act of piracy against the Bat Galim.

It seems hardly likely that General Burns could allow the wool to be pulled over his eyes by the latest of Egypt's manoeuvres calling for a special committee. General Burns has exercised a great deal of patience and tact in his persistent attempt to have the Bat Galim incident disposed of within the framework of the MAC and now that this body has done its work he will doubtless report at once, as requested, to the Security Council without permitting any deviationist tactics.

It will then be a matter for the Security Council to demand immediate action on the release of the ship and its crew. Since, moreover, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman threw out a gratuitous challenge to the United Nations by his statement that, despite the MAC ruling, no Israel ship would be allowed to pass through the Suez Canal, it is difficult to see how the Security Council will now be able to avoid giving a clear decision on this important principle of international usage and decency.

Parliament at Work

Foreign Policy: Independent Opinions Aired

By LEA BEN-DOR

STRONG and firmly entrenched parliamentary parties occasionally can afford to forget their fear for their seats. They can allow their members a certain latitude to express personal opinions and thus make a contribution that goes beyond the raising of a hand at the proper moment. For proof of Mapai strength in this respect one need only check over the widely divergent reactions to the foreign policy statement in the Knesset that came from Mapai members.

The Prime Minister's introductory address had foreshadowed no particular line of action: it was an accurate and careful analysis of the developments of the past two months, mainly confined to Western policy in the Middle East.

The debate that followed the statement produced every possible political panacea, from a more aggressive attitude to Egypt, to complete reliance on the U.N.; from a comprehensive treaty with Britain to one with the Soviet Union. Not all the panaceas were realistic, and some were idle talking-points, such as that of Mr. Arie Altmann (Herut) who said that the Government should "insist" on the immigration of 2,500,000 Russian Jews in five years, and "arrange" for a mass protest march of American Jews in Washington.

Opinions Within Mapai

It was most noticeable that there is a wide divergence of opinions on methods — though not on aims — within Mapai, and that members feel free to voice them. Mr. Livneh, who has what might be called an extreme Western orientation — not in the sense of being pro-Western so much as in feeling this country to be part of the West — has often claimed that his views on such matters as foreign currency and immigration are unpopular only for the first two years, because after that they become official policy. This time he seemed to turn the clock back in his plea for total cooperation with, and thence reliance on, the U.N. and the Powers in general, all the way back to the days when the Jewish Agency could hope to influence events in this country only through the League of Nations.

Mr. Meir Argov, on the other hand, took the bull by horns and said that nothing but retaliation stopped Egyptian marauders and that the paper judgments of the MAC carried no weight. This plain speaking by the Mapai Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee is a very different matter from the melodramatic phantasies of all-out preventive war that have so often been tabled in Mr. Begin's seductive, soul-catching tones and phrases. Everyone, after all, including Jordan, Egypt and the U.S. State Department, knows that Israel policy is not shaped by Mr. Begin, who has often served in the past to make the Coalition members privately and publicly con over all the good reasons for not becoming embroiled in war.

Bat Galim to Eilat

For good measure there was Mr. Shlomo Hillel, a recent recruit to the Knesset, who dropped his first bombshell a few months ago when he suggested that low-cost housing schemes for town workers were an extravagance, if not worse, and not legitimate "development." This time he said that it had been an error to send the Bat Galim to Suez, where further events would be entirely out of our hands, and we would once again be powerless to do anything but ask the Powers to see that we got justice: the little ship should have tried to sail its flag straight through to Eilat and then, had there been interference, any further decisions and action would have been up to ourselves.

Mr. Ben Aharon (Le'Ahdut Ha'avoda) asked for direct action on behalf of the ship at this late juncture. There is a general feeling that the policies of his splinter party are now largely guided by the need to preserve its identity at all costs — to show that it has not yet joined Mapai but that the collective ideology of its voting-bloc mates, Mapam, no longer applies to it.

Miss Esther Wilenska (Communist) made her presence felt again a good deal in the debate, for in general she is heard more often from her seat conveniently near the Speaker's platform than from the platform itself. Her interruptions are loud and persistent and keep strictly to the level of "what about the Negroes in the South?" When Mr. Livneh read a long list of names of ex-Nazis who now hold high military rank in East Germany, her interruptions became a deliberate attempt to force him to move on to the next point.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Z. Schaefer, finally succeeded in shouting Miss Wilenska down, though not before he looked on the verge of apoplexy. This is probably unparliamentary, but it was effective. No one fancies the alternative of having a member removed bodily from the hall, a last resort against abuse of privilege that is undignified at best, and capable of being blown up into the suppression of free speech at worst. Mr. Schaefer certainly had the Knesset with him when he said "You will not be allowed to rule this place through obstructionism."

Sabbath Rest Lost

There was an echo of this anger in the appeal of Mr. Shitreet, Minister of Police, that the Sabbath Zealots should not create such a commotion on the Sabbath they were defending as to oblige him to recall extra men as reinforcements and rob them of their Sabbath rest.

Without much progress in any direction, the week was not unprofitable, if only for the Prime Minister's definition of national independence, made in reply to Mr. Ya'acov Hazan (Mapam) who protested that Israel had become an American satellite. Mr. Sharett said "independence means following a line of policy or action that, in the eyes of those who must lay down this line, seems likely to benefit Israel." In the context, it meant that alignment with certain powers or groups of powers could be "independence" as much as any attempt to preserve a splendid isolation, or to join the opposite set of powers.

Readers' Letters

MINISTRY REPLIES TO NOVOMEYSKY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—I have been directed by the Minister of Development to make the following observations on Mr. M.A. Novomeysky's article in today's issue of *The Jerusalem Post*.

1) The Minister never expressed — either in writing or orally — any doubt about the ability or achievements of the engineers engaged by the Palestine Potash Company. During the Knesset debate on the 1954/55 Development Budget, he distinctly stressed the "achievements, and the ingenuity and ability" which they displayed in erecting the plant.

2) The quality of the carnallite from which the potash is derived is not a matter of opinion. It can be determined by accepted and proven scientific methods.

When it became apparent that the material found by us in the carnallite pans was of poor quality, we were obliged to carry out analyses, and the following is an extract from a report by Dr. S. Davidson, who had been one of the chief chemical engineers at the Palestine Potash Works:

"Comparing carnallite analyses made during the last months with average analyses of carnallite of the year 1946 and 1947, it can be seen that very appreciable amounts of the material received at the factory are not carnallite at all, but bischofite, i.e. magnesium chloride without any potash content.

"The huge amounts of magnesium chloride sent to the plant slow down the decomposition of the carnallite and detrimentally affect the solubility of sodium chloride in the washing solutions."

This expert opinion clearly does not support Mr. Novomeysky's statement that the carnallite handed over to the new company was of workable quality.

3) It has on no occasion been implied by the Ministry that it was wilfully misled by the Palestine Potash Company. However, it is reasonable to suppose that the former company utilized the better carnallite first, leaving the poorer material later used by the new company.

4) In stating that production in 1938 amounted to 22,725 tons and had reached 57,825 tons by 1947, Mr. Novomeyesky in effect admits the Ministry's contention that the plant was at least partly constructed during World War II, a point which he sought to discredit. It is unlikely that a plant planned and designed in normal times and under normal conditions would have contained more than 20 different pump models.

The Minister meant no disparagement whatsoever by describing the work of the Palestine Potash engineers as clever improvisation. Nor did he intend to imply negligence when he mentioned the poor condition of the plant after the War of Liberation. It stands to reason that the conditions prevailing at Sdom would cause speedy deterioration of a chemical plant left idle for a number of years. The fact remains that the new company had to overhaul the entire plant, to repair and recondition most of the machinery, and to replace many parts and much piping. The lengthy controversy between the different engineering consultants as to the advisability of setting up an entirely new plant is in itself evidence that the plant was very far from being in good working condition.

5) Mr. Novomeysky states that the Potash Company expended more than $400,000 between 1948-1952 for "maintaining the plant and keeping the organization alive." It must regretfully be said that the major part of this amount was spent on keeping alive the organization in London and Jerusalem and less on the maintenance of the plant itself.

6) Mr. Novomeysky fully confirms the Minister's comments on the problems arising from the abandonment of cheap manual labour. It is obvious that such a transition involves drastic changes in the production process. The long-range effects are definitely relevant to the problems facing the company today.

The process of solar evaporation, for which tribute should be paid to Mr. Novomeysky's inventive gifts, has never been in dispute. It is recognized as the most efficient and economical method under Dead Sea conditions.

Yours, etc.,
I. EFRATI,
Public Relations Officer,
Ministry of Development.
Jerusalem, November 19.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

STOCKS. — I regret to see that neither the various companies now drilling for oil in Israel nor the Delek Company have as yet offered their shares to the public through the Stock Exchange.
Liverpool. *C.D. REEVES*

MUSICAL DIARY

THE third subscription concert of the Israel Philharmonic in Jerusalem, conducted by Heinz Freudenthal at the Edison on Thursday evening, featured two local first performances: Haydn's Symphony No. 83 "La Poule," and Ernest Bloch's "Shlomo." Gregor Piatigosky was the soloist.

Haydn wrote no orchestral score for the second of his Paris symphonies, as he had time only for the instrumental parts. The conductor's creative interpretation made the allegro spirituoso dramatically vibrant, and there was a chiseled precision about the whole rendition.

Of "Shlomo, Hebrew Rhapsody for cello and orchestra," (1916) the composer wrote:

"In my work, termed 'Jewish'... I have not approached the problem from without — by employing more or less authentic melodies, 'Oriental' formulae, more or less sacred rhythms or intervals. No! I have but listened to an inner voice... which surged up in me on reading certain passages in the Bible... To what extent it is Jewish, to what extent it is just Ernest Bloch, of that I know nothing."

The sublime tone of Gregor Piatigorsky's cello ennobled the rhapsody, endowing it with warmth. It was lyrical and epic, dramatic and broadly declamatory, passionate and fatalistic, sensuous and ascetic.

Mr. Piatigorsky's cantilena in Dvorak's cello concerto in B Minor, so admired by Brahms, was even more beautiful. From the magnificent stroke of the opening theme to the gentle lyricism of the second movement and the stirring march, all the magic of Slavic romanticism was there. It would seem rather presumptuous to mention the great artist's flawless technique but not his personality and peerless musicianship.

A moving performance of Beethoven's Leonora Overture No. 3 did credit to the orchestra and its inspired conductor.

Pnina Salzmann

KOL Yisrael's Tuesday night concert, conducted by Hanan Schlesinger, opened with Mendelssohn's overture to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and closed with a performance of the conductor's own Four Israel Landscapes.

Pnina Salzmann was the soloist in Mozart's piano concerto No. 24 in C Minor (K 491) to which she brought imaginative power and a grand unity of conception, rightly emphasizing the tragic note.
FRANGO

Haifa Series Opens

THE opening subscription concert of the Haifa Orchestra's fifth season, at the Peer Hall on Tuesday, was a pleasant surprise for the audience. The orchestra, partly reorganized, availed itself of the interval that had elapsed since the conclusion of its summer concerts, to conduct rehearsals under the gifted young assistant conductor, Mr. Moshe Bad-Mor, whose firm coaching has brought out the musicians' abilities and has delivered a well-disciplined musical body into the hands of Heinz Freudenthal.

Mr. Freudenthal, who was making his first appearance with the Orchestra, expressed himself very distinctly on the podium, and was able to call forth a whole range of special effects and often unnoticed details. He gave the audience the impression that he was particularly fond of English music, for he opened the programme with Purcell's Music for "A Midsummer Night's Dream," a suite in nine short sections, and closed it with Vaughan-Williams' Concerto Grosso.

Haydn's Violin Concerto in C Major brought out the fact that Lorand Fenyves is one of the country's top violinists. He performed the work with a classical sense of balance and unstudied purity and brilliance of tone. The concert, which took place under the patronage of the Mayor of Haifa, also included Weber's serenade, op. 3, arranged by Heinz Freudenthal.
G. W.-B.

Abroad

MENAHEM Pressler's Oslo *debut* brought him enthusiastic reviews by leading Norwegian critics, Dag Winding Sorensen and Pauline Hall, and invitations to make recordings for the Swedish Radio. Invited to play for the Israel Minister, Mr. Avraham Nissan, the pianist was warmly recieved by the guests, who included the Air Force Chief, General Ljungdahl; the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Arne Hundberg; the Rector of Uppsala University; Mr. Ake Holmback; the composer, Hilding Rosenberg, and many diplomats and representatives of the Jewish community.

Rafael Kubelik was appointed musical director at the Covent Garden Royal Opera House in London. Leonard Bernstein is putting the final touches on his musical version of Voltaire's "Candide," which is to appear on Broadway this season.

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The Management announces herewith the results of the Public Competition for the design of Beit Egged (E.S.D.) in Haifa, arranged in cooperation with the Central Board on Competitions of the Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel.

The Board of Judges unanimously decided on the following awards:
First Prize — A. Yaski, S. Pevsner, Architects, Tel Aviv
Second Prize — D. Emmerich, A. Hidash, A. Salomon, Architects, Ramat Gan
Acquisition — Meshuliam Baruch, Architect, Tel Aviv
Acquisition — S. and M. Nadler, Architects, with participation of S. Bikson, Tel Aviv
Acquisition — Y. Bonneh and Y. Nissan (Nissanovitz), Architects, Tel Aviv.

An exhibition of the designs has been arranged at Beit Hamehandes Veha'Adrikhal in Haifa. It will be open to the public from Sunday, November 21 through Thursday, November 25, 4—7 p.m., and on Friday, November 26, from 10 a.m.—12 noon.

Designs submitted will be returned on Sunday, November 28, 1954 between 12 noon and 2 p.m. at Beit Hamehandes Veha'Adrikhal, Rehov Shabatai Levy, Haifa (cor. 3 Rehov Tantura).

CHEMICAL EXPORT TO BELGIUM

First "hard currency" export of Pyrites Residues produced by Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. and sold to Belgium by the Export Company of ICOA, Israel Corporation of America, being loaded onto the s.s. Meir Dizengoff, specially chartered for the shipment. The total export value amounted to $100,000.

Mendes-France Builds Prestige in U.S.

Foreign Affairs Occupy Premier Set on Home Reforms

By ROBERT STEPHENS

PARIS, (OFNS).—A LARGE part of the French Premier's ten-day visit to Canada and the United States is devoted to "public relations," but M. Mendes-France will also have general foreign policy discussions in Washington, especially on East-West relations, the prospects of a European settlement, Indo-China and North Africa.

French officials hope that the visit will finally clear away the atmosphere of distrust of M. Mendes-France's motives and associations, which, though much diminished in recent weeks, especially since the Paris Agreements on Germany, still causes the French Government some embarrassment.

Calumny on Lower Levels

Past attempts by some of the Premier's political opponents to discredit him on higher diplomatic levels as an unreliable "neutralist" have lost most of their effect. But on lower levels there persists an under-current of denigration.

As far as European affairs are concerned, the French Premier's hand has been strengthened by the Socialist approval of the Paris Agreements which makes their ratification by the French Parliament virtually certain. While M. Mendes-France has promised Parliament "parallel" negotiations for an East-West settlement, he does not appear to envisage any spectacular initiative in this direction before the Paris Agreements are ratified.

The French official view is that in the light of the last Soviet Note the field of manoeuvre for a European settlement is still limited. In this respect one of the chief French preoccupations is to ensure that the initiative for a German settlement should not be left by default to the Bonn Government itself, since a possible Russo-German agreement in the future remains a chronic French nightmare.

Vietnam Stumbling Block

Indo-China is likely to prove one of the more difficult topics in M. Mendes-France's Washington talks. Officially, the French are chiefly concerned to stabilize the political situation in South Vietnam, but unofficially there is a conflict between those who believe South Vietnam can be saved and those who think French policy should concentrate on good relations with the Vietminh as the inevitable political victors in Indo-China.

The French Government does not, in any case, share the alarm of Mr. John Foster Dulles at the alleged serious breaches of the Indo-China agreements.

Although fortified by two favourable Parliamentary votes within a week, including one vote of confidence, M. Mendes-France left behind him an uneasy domestic situation. The virtual rejection by the Socialists of participation in his Government (through the posing of conditions previously known to be unacceptable) has forced him to postpone a major reorganization of his Cabinet and to make only minor ministerial changes which increase the Right-wing representation in the Government.

The noticeably increased restiveness of the National Assembly is due partly to the Algerian disturbances, partly to the usual belligerency of special interests in the Budget period and partly to an obvious resentment of the fact that the Premier relies on public opinion in adopting an uncompromising attitude towards certain familiar and traditional Parliamentary manoeuvres.

The Socialists will continue, for the time being at least, to vote for the Government; but without their presence in the Cabinet and with the other main centre Party, the M.R.P., in open opposition and the Communists counted out, M. Mendes-France remains precariously astride the deep gap which still separates the Right and Left centre in French politics on many questions.

Scepticism Hovers

Public opinion outside Parliament, which helps him keep his balance, still seems on the whole favourably disposed. But the breach made in public scepticism by the Premier's Indo-China settlement is not deep enough to be permanent. Cynicism and disillusion hover ready to return, and it is by the achievements of his economic programme, such as the housing drive and increased wages, rather than by international acts such as the Paris Agreements (accepted with resignation rather than pleasure by most Frenchmen, who in their hearts detest the idea of German rearmament) that public support for the Premier will be measured.

By an unhappy paradox, M. Mendes-France, whose chief aim is economic reconstruction, has had to spend most of his first five months in office dealing with foreign affairs. A number of economic reform measures have been launched, but their nature cannot produce immediate results.

Friday's Press

Hebrew Campaign Needs Teachers

COMMENTING on the Hebrew Language Campaign, which is to take in 150,000 adults, Al Hamishmar (Mapam) estimates that out of the 10,000 instructors needed only 2,000 will be professional teachers and the rest will have to volunteer. This country should not expect this integral part of the absorption programme to be achieved without prodding and help.

Ha'aretz (Non-Party) sharply criticizes the proposed students' sit-down strike at the Hebrew University, and says that if the institution allows it, that will be the end of academic discipline and morale. The students have apparently been encouraged by the strike at the Tel Aviv Municipality, believing that if Tel Aviv is able to provide emergency work for the unemployed, the rector of the University should be able to help them too. The police should intervene if the students want to paralyze the university. Political demonstrations should be left to students in Cairo and Teheran.

Political Fishing

Davar (Histadrut) says that the opposition factions in the Knesset, wishing as usual to exploit the students' strike for their own ends, have not done any good to the students, whose obstinacy has not helped them either among the public. Further attempts should be made to find a compromise. If the heads of the Students Organization would be more reasonable, they would find more willing ears at the University. The paper denounces the Haifa Technion strike as an attempt to dictate a new academic system to the faculty and the administration.

Changes in Germany

Several papers commented on events in Germany. A correspondent in Hatzofe (World Mizrahi Union) relates that the school children he met there knew nothing at all about Israel, while a writer in the weekly Ha'ooma draws attention to certain positive changes in German public and political life. Kol Ha'am (Communist) criticizes Israel for not protesting against the London Agreements, but in the same issue the party leader, Mr. Mikunis, attacks a Kol Yisrael broadcast that denounced German Communist and Neo-Nazi efforts to unleash chauvinistic passion against France in connection with the Saar.

Omer (Histadrut) expresses surprise and regret at the fact that Hapoel Hamizrahi deemed it necessary to defend the Jerusalem riots of the Natorei Karta, while Zmanim (Progressive) writes that in a progressive country like Israel marriage and divorce legislation should not grant authority to the religious courts.

Haboker (General Zionist) expects the present Cairo regime to disintegrate further, and ridicules the Western experts who think that it will grow stronger.

School Without Joy

WE walk through dark, narrow, unpaved alleys. Hardly a metre between house and house.

Pitched on a sandy, littered hill stands a wind-shaken wooden hut: Chabat School. Around it are sand, scattered *sabra* bushes, dilapidated stone, wood and asbestos dwellings. This is Givat Hatamarim, and the *ma'bara* is called Zachne.

The school consists of two rooms and a tiny office. A room about 14 square metres holds 22 benches and the teacher's desk. Forty-five human beings inhale the stifling air of the classroom. One small window supplies the ration of light, sunshine and air. Two hundred and fifty pupils ranging from six to 13 years of age study in two shifts. The school's charwoman supplies an additional room at the other end of the *ma'bara*. There are not enough benches: some of the children sit on the floor.

Teachers work an average of six hours overtime daily. Once school is over, boys can be found roaming aimlessly or quarrelling in the narrow dirty lanes. There are no sports grounds or clubs in this vicinity.

Families of up to 17 souls occupy a one-room hut. Not many of the parents are at all anxious to send their children to school. There is plenty of housework for them to do. They must learn to fill their own mouths.

HANUKKA
TOY FUND

Mazal is 11. She is a good student, the teachers tell me. Three days a week she comes to school. The rest of the week she scrubs floors in Jaffa. In the evening, she conscientiously copies lessons and homework from a fellow pupil.

Nazinda and Fahima are two girls from Iraq, nine and ten respectively. Their parents send them to sell flowers in the market.

Rina's mother supports the family, and expects her eldest daughter to do all the housework. The father doesn't work, and thinks that Rina should go to school. If her mother finds her at school she punishes her. Father beats her if she does not go to school.

There is little Haim, whose parents are separated and abandoned him. He lives with his 70-year-old grandmother.

Most of the children bring no food to school. They are quite willing to work, and since there is nothing to be done in the afternoons, they would find the time then, but there is no work for them nearby.

Teachers help with their own limited funds. That covers the most elementary needs of some children. "Their biggest joy is Saturday evening's *Mondon*," the teachers tell me, "we have no prizes to offer for games, often not even a sweet."

"We are so grateful for what you sent us last Hanukka. Many of the children haven't had a sweet in months. Some don't even know what a toy looks like." The teacher searched for words. "They were so happy." She seemed embarrassed. "The toys from last year are all gone. There was one football left until recently, but it got under a car and was ruined."

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